

## ABOUT THAT WENCH-KISSING.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., August 21st.

DEAR SIR:—I am in receipt of yours of the 18th inst., stating that “Colonel Dockery, the Republican candidate for Governor, in a speech a few days since, at your place, stated that the President had invited Fred Douglass and his white wife to dine with him, and that at such dining one was seated on his right and one on his left, that negroes were received at the White House on terms of intimacy, and that on one occasion Mrs. Cleveland kissed a negro wench.” It seems to me that these charges are beneath the dignity of any one’s notice, but for your information, I will say that none of the charges are true.

Respectfully,

D. S. LAMONT,

Private Secretary.

*To T. B. Womack, Esq., Pittsboro, N. C.*

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## DOCKERY AND TRUTH—WHAT STRANGERS THEY BE!

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Dockery has perhaps the worst memory of any man in North Carolina. Some people would say he was a most almighty story-teller; other people would perhaps use other terms. We content ourselves, however, with saying he has a very bad memory, that is to say, for a man not yet entirely in his dotage.

As usual we don’t ask people to take our word for what we say, but only to read the following “passes” between Judge Fowle and the Colonel at different places and see if what we say is not true. Colonel Dockery will not deny the accuracy of the reports of these “passes.”

*Here’s the way it ran at Ashboro:*

“Col. Dockery.—The Republican party has always been in favor of the Blair bill.

“Judge Fowle.—How comes it, then, that on 25th August, 1888, Mr. Wise, of Virginia, replying to Mr. Vest, said in the presence of the Republican leaders in Congress, that the Republicans were in the majority in both Houses in 1880 and might have passed the Blair bill then, but they did not, and they lied when they said they wanted it, and the Republican leaders were dumb.

“Col. Dockery.—There was no educational bill before Congress in 1880-’81.

“Judge Fowle.—Who was the representative from Randolph county in 1881? Is he in this crowd? [Voice in the crowd, what do you want with him, Judge?]

“Judge Fowle.—If there was no educational bill before Congress in 1880-’81, why was it, O! Representative of Randolph, that you, on the 31st day of January, 1881, helped adopt the following resolution (for which see Senate and House Journals):

“‘Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to support the bill now before Congress known as the ‘educational bill.’

“‘Be it further resolved, That if said bill does not provide for the application of the fund to primary schools exclusively then our said Senators and Representatives are hereby requested to urge the adoption of an amendment to that effect.’”

Bad memory, wasn’t it?

*This is the way it was at Siler City:*

“Judge Fowle.—With the fall of county government there will be a return, in all probability, to the Republican mode of the election of judges by districts and not